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Chief Administrative Officer

## **UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENT AT LAX**

On August 19, 2003, your Board approved preliminary comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Report (SEIS/SEIR) prepared for the Safety and Security Alternative (Alternative D) for the proposed Master Plan Improvements at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX); and instructed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back within 30 days with a status report.

As you know, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have officially extended the public review and comment period from 45 days to 120 days ending on November 7, 2003. Our consultants, A.C. Lazzaretto & Associates, are continuing their review of the Draft SEIS/SEIR of Alternative D and anticipate a draft of their final comments later this month. Final comments to the Draft SEIS/SEIR will be placed on your Board's Agenda of October 28, 2003. If final comments are approved by your Board, our office will then forward the County's comments to both LAWA and the FAA.

Members of the Board, County staff, and A.C. Lazzaretto & Associates attended LAWA and FAA sponsored public hearings held August 20 through 23, 2003, and presented testimony consistent with the preliminary comments approved by your Board. addition, Supervisor Burke and Congresswoman Jane Harmon sponsored a Town Hall Meeting in Lennox on September 13, 2003 to solicit and discuss community concerns regarding the proposed improvements at LAX. Other speakers in addition to Supervisor Burke and Congresswoman Harmon included Andy Lazzaretto, Jack Riley of the RAND Corporation, Sheriff Lee Baca, Jim Ritchie from LAWA, and Bill Winter from Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

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We have also learned that LAWA and the FAA have scheduled three additional public hearings as a result of extending the review and comment period, as follows:

Monday, October 20, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Doubletree Hotel International Ballroom 888 Montebello Boulevard Rosemead, CA 91770

Wednesday, October 22, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Granada Hills Charter High School Highlander Hall 105354 Zelzah Avenue Granada Hills, CA 91344

Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Epic Center/Olympic Swim Stadium Community Hall 3980 South Menlo Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90037

Also, LAWA has recently indicated a willingness to meet with the County to discuss issues and concerns outlined in the County's preliminary comments on Alternative D. Our office will keep your Board apprised of significant developments in this process.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Lari Sheehan at (213) 974-1174.

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